

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A tip-calculating device for calculating the amount of a tip based on the amount of an expense being charged, which comprises:

- 5           (a) a numeric keypad for user-input of the amount of expense;  
             (b) a computation circuit, which is capable of performing a tip-computation procedure, wherein the user-input amount of the expense is multiplied by a preset tip rate to obtain the amount of the tip;  
             (c) a tip-computation activation key, which can be pressed to activate the tip-computation unit to start the tip-computation procedure; and  
10           (d) a display unit for displaying the result of the tip-computation procedure performed by the tip-computation unit.

2. The tip-calculating device of claim 1, wherein the preset tip rate is within the range from 0% to 100%.

15 3. The tip-calculating device of claim 2, wherein the preset tip rate is 15%.

4. A tip-calculating device for calculating the amount of a tip based on the amount of an expense being charged, which comprises:

- 15           (a) a numeric keypad for user-input of the amount of expense;  
             (b) a tip-computation unit, which is capable of performing a tip-computation procedure, wherein the user-input amount of the expense is multiplied by a preset tip rate of 15%  
20           to obtain the amount of the tip;

(c) a tip-computation activation key, which can be pressed to activate the tip-computation unit to start the tip-computation procedure; and

(d) a display unit for displaying the result of the tip-computation procedure performed by the tip-computation unit.

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